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Dear Nancy,

We realize you are the team lead on the OX513A Oxitec Genetically Modified Mosquito (GMM) evaluation. While there are many comments being worked on, there is also not an ample amount of time for people to respond with the quality of comments needed to support the investigative level we feel this technology and this particular company should be viewed with.

The most recent proposal expands venues and seems to have changes in both claims and process for testing these mosquitoes. While it is not appropriate to go into deep discussions here, we do feel it appropriate that the EPA should afford ample time for groups like ours to work with our members and assemble the scientific input that will help the EPA perform with the most current observations, data and concerns. We humbly ask that the comment period be expanded to a minimum of 60 days in total.

Oxitec has had years to perfect their story, ever evolving as it may be. We are the affected citizens and have witnessed the difficulty of combating the resources of a \$4B company with just your passions, communication network and intellect. We do however represent the best of what our nation is about, the people asking relevant and challenging questions, most of which Oxitec has not answered over the 6 plus years that we have been engaging them.

Please afford the public additional time to present a clearer picture of Oxitec, along with the concerns and questions we should all be asking.

My sincere thanks,

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